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SUBJ: BURUNDI EXPORTS OF MEAT TO GABON REPORTED UNLIKELY

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1. AN ASSOCIATE OF BURUNDI'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION RECENTLY PROVIDED US SOME CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT BURUNDI'S MEAT EXPORT POTENTIAL IS POOR, ON THE BASIS OF PRESENT HERDS. HE SAID PREVIOUS ESTIMATES OF SOME 800,000 HEAD OF CATTLE ARE GROSSLY EXAGGERATED, HALF THAT NUMBER BEING MORE LIKELY. ALSO, THEY ARE USUALLY LITTLE MORE THAN WALKING CARCASSES AFTER YEARS OF INBREEDING, DISEASE, AND PORR FORAGE.

2. CONCERNING TRADE WITH GABON, OUR CONTACT DISCLOSED THAT GABON HAS CANCELLED A MEAT IMPORT CONTRACT BECAUSE BURUNDI COULD NOT PROVIDE PRIME CUTS (WHICH IS TRUE), AND BECAUSE ITS ASKING PRICE WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE FIFTY CENTS A POUND WHICH GABON WAS WILLING TO PAY.

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3. AN AGRONOMIST AT RANDA STATE FARM IN BURUNDI'S RUZIZI VALLEY NORTH OF BUJUMBURA, WHICH WAS TO HAVE ASSURED THE SUPPLY OF MEAT TO GABON, SAID IT WOULD TAKE A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS TO DEVELOP AN IMPROVED CATTLE STOCK CAPABLE OF PROVIDING QUALITY MEAT EXPORTS. WHETHER THE NEWLY FOUND ITALIAN INVESTORS IN RANDA FARM WILL DECIDE TO FINANCE SUCH A LONG TERM PROJECT IS STILL UNCERTAIN.

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